



# Jennings County Historical Society Our Heritage Inc

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2019 Quarter One

## Sassafras Tea Festival and Civil War Living History April 27th-28th, 2019

### STEP INTO HISTORY...

The historical society is gearing up for the 57th Annual Sassafras Tea Festival and Civil War Living History! Performing arts, first person interpreters, working blacksmith shop, demonstrations in the old time arts, Civil War re enactors, mock battles, night firing, period music on the square, carriage rides, wood carving, hot meals in the dining room and huge bake sale with PIES, PIES, PIES -- hundreds of them fresh from the ovens!! There's something for the entire family so mark your calendar now and join the festivities!

Imagine walking among Civil War era soldiers and mingling among camps where artisans and settlers gather around cooking their meals over a campfire. In one tent you meet a woman demonstrating the art of spinning for textile making. Suddenly, you are startled by a shot of a cannon in the background. As you wander through the historic town of Vernon, you hear the pounding of metal coming from the blacksmith shop. You make your way into the North American House where you stop for hot meals served in the dining room (chicken & noodles, pulled pork sandwiches, ham and beans and more!), free sassafras tea and cookies and hundreds of homemade pies and sweet breads! These are the sights, sounds and smells that you will experience on the town square in Vernon, Indiana during the Sassafras Tea Festival and Civil War Living History Event.



# THE MUSEUM IN ACTION

The museum continues to be a hub of activity with visitors coming in weekly and volunteers preparing for the Sassafras Tea Festival and Civil War History.

The museum is open weekly for visitors and we look forward to your visit. Admission is FREE! Schools, clubs, organizations and large groups are welcome. Please call us for special tour information.

## Museum Hours:

**Wednesday-Friday: 11am-4pm or by appointment and during festivals**



*Local elementary school children pose with Abraham Lincoln*



*Night cannon firing at the Sassafras Tea Festival*



*A musician plays on the square*



*Patrons enjoy the Hector's Haunted Happenings Myster Dinner*



*Genuine Sassafras tea is served at the Sassafras Tea Festival*



The Jennings County Historical Society is a not-for-profit 501© 3 organization formed in 1961 to “present, preserve and document the history of Jennings County.” Society headquarters and historical museum, the North American House, is a high quality history center with demonstrations in the old-time arts and performing arts throughout the year with festivals and special events.

## THIRD THURSDAY SPEAKER SERIES

We are excited to announce our Third Thursday Speaker Series for 2019. Programs take place in February, March, May, July, August, and December and feature a different speaker and topic. Please check our Facebook page for updates or possible changes.



### February

21st @ 6pm (3rd Thursday Series)

Cemeteries: Do's and Don'ts, Indiana Law about Cemeteries and Mapping them in Jennings County

22nd @ 12pm- Monthly Meeting with Lunch

### March

21st (3rd Thursday Series)

First Person Portrayal of General Grant and the Civil War presented by Mayor Mike Ochs

22nd- Monthly Meeting with Lunch at 12pm

### April

April 27th & 28th- Sassafras Tea Festival and Civil War Living History

26th- Monthly Meeting with Lunch at 12pm

### May

May 16th (3rd Thursday Series)- Danny Russell, first person interpreter of Famous Hoosiers

24th- Monthly Meeting with Lunch at 12pm

### June

No 3rd Thursday Program

28th- Monthly Meeting with Lunch at 12pm

### July

July 18th (3rd Thursday Series)- Native American Relics and Archaeology: Robert Donahue

26th- Monthly Meeting with Lunch at 12pm

### August

August 15th (3rd Thursday Series)- Jennings County ROCKS: Speaker from the Indiana Geological Survey about the Geology of the County

23rd- Monthly Meeting with Lunch at 12pm

### September

August 21st-September 1st- Vernon Labor Day activities

27th- Monthly Meeting with Lunch at 12pm

### October

October 11th & 12th- Ghost Walk and Mystery Dinner

25th- Monthly Meeting with Lunch at 12pm

### November

22nd- Monthly Meeting with Lunch at 12pm

### December

December 19th- (3rd Thursday Series) America at the Crossroads: Smithsonian comes to Jennings County. (At the Stellar Building in North Vernon)

20th- Monthly Meeting with Lunch at 12pm

# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Society sponsored events bring thousands of visitors to Jennings County annually as well as serve our local population. The North American House, society headquarters and museum houses over 7,000 artifacts telling the story of the county's rich heritage.

Community partnerships, event sponsors, mini grants and donations are invaluable to the historical society's ability to keep these fine Jennings County traditions alive. We are a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Thank you for your continued support!!



We are always looking for volunteers! Please inquire by calling (812) 346-8989, email us at [jenningshistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:jenningshistoricalsociety@gmail.com) or send us a message on Facebook!

Historical society events and programs are sponsored in part by local businesses, organizations, in-kind services, individuals, mini grants, Jennings County Community Foundation Competitive grants, Southern Indiana REMC grant, and with support in part from the Columbus Area Arts Council, the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. With your sponsorship and donations the historical society can continue all these fine traditions for Jennings County.

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## Sponsorship Opportunities

\$1,000: Champion

\$251-\$500: Gold

\$101-\$250: Silver

\$51-\$100: Bronze

\$50 and under: Member

Memorials are encouraged at any level of membership.

Basic: minimum \$20

\*\*Student: \$7

\*\*Student memberships go towards the Annual Student History Award

\*\*\*Electronic donation options are available through Paypal.

Please visit our website at [www.jenningscounty.org](http://www.jenningscounty.org) for more information.

